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SUBJECT:R1-73-0271-ERNEST FRANZ COMBS ET AL

U.S. VS. BROWN, WORK AND SNYDER

1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL DEPT INITIATED REQUEST TO DEPT OF JUSTICE TO PROVIDE DATA REQUESTED PARA 3. DISMISSAL RESULTED FROM APPARENTLY ILL-INFORMED RULING OF FEDERAL JUDGE AND U.S. ATTORNEY IS CONSIDERING APPEAL OF THAT DISMISSAL. AN APPEAL CAN ONLY BE TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT OF A DISMISSAL UNDER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND WHERE SUCH APPEAL WOULD NOT PREJUDICE ANY FUTURE RIGHTS OF DEFENDANTS. ALTERNATIVELY, CASE IS BEING PREPARED AGAINST THESE DEFENDANTS FOR PROSECUTION IN CALIFORNIA UNDER CALIFORNIA NARCOTIC LAWS. IF SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION CANNOT BE OBTAINED WITHIN THE FEDERAL SYSTEM, ALTERNATIVE COURSE OF ACTION WILL BE IMPLEMENTED..

2. DEPT IS FURTHER ADVISED THAT THERE HAS BEEN CONTACT BETWEEN DEA HEADQUARTERS AND DEA LONDON WITH RESPECT TO THIS

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MATTER AND IT IS ASSUMED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THAT

CONTACT WILL ASSIST IN EXPLAINING THIS UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT TO INTERESTED AGENCY WITHIN HMG. IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS DESIRED, DEPT STANDS READY TO ASSIST.  
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